Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/540,685	GOOSSENS, HENDRIK JOSEPHUS
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Jerry Fang	2873
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1. This communication is responsive to <u>11/16/2006</u> .		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-8</u> .		
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(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).		
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT		
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

- 1. Claims 1-8 are allowed.
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art taken either singularly or in combination fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the limitations of the independent claim, in such a manner that a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103 would be proper. The prior art fails to teach a combination of all the claimed features as presented in independent claims 1, 7, and 8, with the allowable features being: increasing a length of the polymer film substantially along the direction radial to the optical axis (claims 1, 7, and 8).

 Therefore, claims 1-8 are allowed.
- 3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

- 4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerry Fang whose telephone number is 5712726013. The examiner can normally be reached on 10-8.
- 5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Mack can be reached on 5712722333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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